



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



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Program Review and Investigations Committee

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Raised Senate Bill No. 267 - AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE CONCERNING THE ROLE AND PUPOSE OF THE CONNECTICUT RESOURCES RECOVERY AUTHORITY

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony regarding Senate Bill No. 267 - AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE CONCERNING THE ROLE AND PURPOSE OF THE CONNECTICUT RESOURCES RECOVERY AUTHORITY. The Department of Environmental Protection (Department) is supportive of the proposal's concept to evaluate the function and role of CRRA.

First, let us note that the Department appreciates the Program Review and Investigations Committee staff members' excellent efforts in researching this topic thoroughly and assembling a thoughtful set of findings and recommendations.

This bill is timely in that we are facing new challenges and questions in how the solid waste management system in the state operates. The role of CRRA is important in implementing many of the strategies in the State Solid Waste Management Plan. The Department is supportive of examining how CRRA can better promote and assist the accomplishment of the goals and objectives of the Solid Waste Management Plan.

We are supportive of the Department's participation in this Task Force. We also recommend that the Commissioner serve as a voting member of the Task Force.

Thank you for the opportunity to present the DEP's views on this proposal. If you should require any additional information, please contact the Department's legislative liaison, Robert LaFrance, at (860) 424-3401 or Robert.LaFrance@CT.gov.